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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. IWATA, et al.

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Title: A PRODUCING METHOD AND A PRODUCING APPARATUS OF A
DIGITAL TOPOGRAPHIC METHOD

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

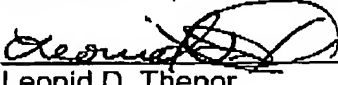
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed March 24, 2006. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 253.44337X00).

Respectfully submitted,
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